

Monday 4th March 2024

 Windmill
Weekly

A highlight from last week...

You might have seen on our Facebook page that we chose to feature Wednesday's Roast Dinner Day.

We think the quality of food served at dinner times at Windmill is simply outstanding. Wendy, our school cook, and her fantastic team, take a pride in producing food of the highest quality, going over and above to give Windmill children (and staff) a delicious dinner.

Dinners are currently £2.50 and will be going up to £2.70 on the 1st April, and we do think that still represents excellent value for a nutritious, balanced meal.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Teachers at Windmill are brilliant!

I know you know that, but I thought I would say it anyway.

Windmill teachers work so hard and choose (in their own time) to access extra training in school, led by Miss Riekstins, our Deputy Headteacher, so that they can give the best possible expertise for the benefit of your children.

One of the many tools we use is a 'working wall' in every classroom (and for PE and Music as well). This means we clearly display, in every lesson:

- Exactly what the children need to learn
- The important things to remember
- Any important words (vocabulary), especially new words
- A model of how to do it well

We have been doing this for five years now, and it really makes a difference.



The five strands of our strategic plan are:

- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
- **Interaction** (all of us speaking, listening and communicating effectively) '**We speak well**'
- **Writing** (using extensive vocabulary, correct grammar and punctuation) '**We write well**'
- **Collaboration** (partnering with others to improve what we do) '**We work together**'
- **Aspiration** (bringing the best out in each other and aiming high) '**We are inspired**'



What's going on?

To help you keep up with everything, the office staff and teaching staff will use this page to remind and prompt you about school events!

Other news and notices

Free bagels in the hall starts at 8:35am - Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

Lost Property - Always displayed by the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

End of School Day - Please do not come onto the playground or wait outside classrooms until after 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children. Thanks.

ParentPay - Please ensure that you log in to ParentPay regularly to prevent missing important information.

Dinner Money: The price for primary meals will increase by 20p per meal to **£2.70** per meal from 1st April 2024.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March - Children can come to school in their pyjamas.

Mufti (non-uniform) Day - Thursday 21st March - bring some chocolate to qualify.

Dogs On School Grounds - just a reminder dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- We been learning to share in maths - practice sharing at home.

Year 1

- Please hear your child read at home.

Year 2

- Please hear your child read their reading book, don't forget to message us to say you've heard them read.

Year 3

- Please return your parent meeting slips before the end of the week.

Year 4

- Children to complete tasks that have been set on Emile!

Year 5

- Please ask your child/ren which days/days they are doing Bikeability.

Year 6

- Boosters are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Parent Meetings - start week beginning 11th March - the children will be bringing home a letter - please return as soon as possible.

Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on their needs and interests)

Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- Year 1 and 2 Kwik Cricket

Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 boys Football
- Year 3 to 6 Choir
- Year 3 and 4 Kwik Cricket

Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 mixed ability Football Fundamentals
- Year 3 to 6 Netball
- Year 3 to 6 Gymfinity

Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Kwik Cricket
- Year 1 and 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3 to 6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 GemDanceAcademy

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 22nd March

Start back Tuesday 9th April

Break up Friday 24th May

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 4296, Cluddley 3959, Upton 4076 and Rowton 4019.

Please don't forget to connect with your child's class on ClassDojo and set up ParentPay, we use these to communicate with you all the time. Ask for help at the office if you need to.

10 things every Windmill parent/carer should know...

1. Our school vision is IGNITE (Include everyone; Guarantee opportunities; Nurture aspirations; Inspire each other; Try everything; Enable independence).
- We already do all these things, but we keep trying to do them even better!